

15th February, 2026, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time /A

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For our Deceased: Colleen Stout, Morgan Cumming, Deceased Family, Friends,
Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

Darcy Lucas, Leo Griffin, Edna Griffin *anniv.*

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Feb 21-22

Ariah Park 6 .00 p.m. Sat Mass

Mass

Barmedman 8am. Temora 10am & 5pm Sunday

Liturgy

Ardlethan **9am** Barellan 10am Sunday

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Reflection - *Follow God's Law.*

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

Background to the Readings - Today's readings reveal *God's law* as something different from human-made laws, which are imposed on people to keep them in check. God's law is born in love and given in love, and is fulfilled by our loving response to it. Because God does not impose the law, we are always free to choose our response. God's loving and wise care (*Second Reading*) means that we are supported in our response (*First Reading*).

When we do respond lovingly, we will experience happiness on earth (*Psalms*) and know greatness in God's kingdom (*Gospel*).

Let's ask for the grace, in the coming week, to really seek the Lord with all our hearts. And to respond to the circumstances of our daily lives with loving wisdom, knowing that in everything we are being guided, held and encouraged by God's law of love.



Reflection - A Cherokee Indian elder was teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy. “It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.” He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.”

His grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked: “Which wolf will win, grandad?” The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

This week we celebrate **ASH WEDNESDAY, 18th February**, which means next Sunday the 22nd of February will be the beginning of **Lent**.

Ashes remind us we have limited time and space to live this time called “My Life”. We are prompted to live before we die! To gain a felt sense within us of how to live more deeply and richly before we return to dust and ashes.

As Lent begins: Let us renew our response to the pact of love that God made with each of us at our baptism and again at our Religious Profession. We do this relying on *“the power of God who has saved us and called us to fullness of life – not because of anything we have done, but because of God’s own purpose, love and grace”* (2 Tim 1: 8-9).



Let us remember that there are times when we need to move from the periphery of life and journey towards ‘the heart of the matter’, where we can meet the Divine mystery that waits therein.

May Your Lenten Journey Be Blessed!

WE WILL NEED TO CHANGE OUR DRAPES TODAY



Roster 22nd Feb

Leader: Linda

Reader: Tracey

Ex. Minister : Paul

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.